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page 2Teriberka, Base of the Northern Fleet.

a. Development.

The naval base in the Bay of Teriberka was established in 1937. Until that date Teriberka was a fishing site where the motor fishing cutters were stationed ("RS" - of the "Sevgosrybtrest" (Government Fishery Trust of the North). A repairshop for small trawlers, a fishing-net factory and a fish-processing combine were there, the latter consisting of a curing plant, fish salting plant and cooperies. On the occasion of Stalin's visit to the Northwest Coast in 1935/1936, it was stated that Teriberka would be an excellent base for the Northern Fleet. As early as 1936 the former Northern Flotilla was re-organized to form the Northern Fleet, whose development made rapid progress under Stalin's personal influence. No military installations were in Teriberka at that time. From then on coastal battery positions as well as roads and camps were built there. In 1937 the coast battery was manned, while a worker's brigade of the "Bolshevik-Works" of Leningrad emplaced the guns. In the fall of 1937 the first battery of four BAI-5 guns, caliber 130 mm (probably 130 cm) located on the NW coast of the entrance to the bay, was completed. The second battery of two guns on the lighthouse spit was added in 1948. The guns were served by crews of the detached artillery regiment of Murmansk.

In 1938, six torpedo cutters and three PT boats arrived there. Surface vessels and submarines occasionally held training maneuvers there.

The fishing plants were transferred to Murmansk while the population was retained for executing the construction work. The population was evacuated after the arrival of the 325th Infantry Regiment in the summer of 1939.

The naval forces were also reinforced by the addition of some submarine-chasers and PT boats and three submarines of the Shchuka type. In 1941 Teriberka was a comparatively well-fitted naval base and was considered the next-best base after Polyarnoye.

b. Present Complement (1947).

1. 325th Rifle Regiment with about 1,300 men.
2. A submarine section (three submarines of the Shchuka type with 220 men).
3. A PT-boat and submarine-chaser brigade (eight PT boats and four submarine-chasers) with 250 men.
4. 30th Indep Artillery Battalion of Mur with two batteries of long-range guns. Caliber 130 mm (probably cm) six guns all told, two machine gun platoons, two searchlight platoons - four searchlights type S-15-4-, one antiaircraft battery; total strength 400 men.
5. Personnel of the naval base, of the torpedo and mine workshops and civil employees total about 250 men.

Further extensions of the naval base of Teriberka must be assumed.

c. Legend to sketches:

I Position of the 30th Indep Artillery Battalion.

- a. Command post.
- b. Underground ammunition depot.
- c. Barracks (permanent) and office buildings (not visible from the sea).

II Military settlement of Novaya Teriberka.

III Submarine section.

- a. Battery charging station.
- b. Landing stages with connections for taking on fuel and water and appliances for taking on torpedos.

IV Tank installations of minor capacity. The fuel supply of the naval base must still be considerably improved.

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V PT boat brigade.

- a. Maintenance workshops for engine overhaul
- b. Staff of the brigade
- c. Hauling-up slips for the PT boats.

VI Torpedo workshops.

VII Power station.

VIII Clothing and ration-supply depot (large, half-sunken three-story buildings).

IX Mine and torpedo-depot with shelter roof and tarpaulins.

X Pilot station.

XI Harbor Commander.

XII Radio station.

XIII Depots for ammunition, clothing and ration-supply of the 325th Infantry and Regt. Former workshops of fishing factory and the fish-processing plant.

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XV Staraya Teriberka settlement for the 325 Infantry Regt.

XVI Seadrome.

XVII Airfield.

XVIII Teriberka lighthouse.

XIX Approximate location of the 2d Battery (B-Battery) of the 30th Indep Artillery Battalion.

d. Ship Berths.

The bay is accessible to vessels up to the size of battleships. The landing places are suited only for berthing vessels no larger than destroyers. Large-scale dredging work was allegedly done here before the war.

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